Government of Russian Federation of 7th June, 1999 provides for deputing Ayurveda and Sidha experts to improve the quality of research and to train Russian Students.

It also provides that Russian Federation will collaborate in carrying out fundamental, clinical and comparative research in the field of Indian Systems of medicine and Homoeopathy.

Charges Against MNC Toothpastes

212. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report titled "Beware of MNC toothpastes: CDA" which appeared in the Economic Times dated February 1, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the report and referred it to the Dental Council of India to elicit a medical appraisal of these charges as most of the brands mentioned by the CDA report are very much in vogue in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Dental Council of India, the Organising Committee of the Commonwealth Dental Association (CDA) and the Indian Dental Association (IDA) has denied having issued a Press release, expressing concern about the quality of multinational toothpaste brands in developing countries. In fact, the CDA-IDA release mentioned that the Congress has highlighted the benefit of using a good quality toothpaste for cleaning teeth and noted the beneficial qualities of multinational brands available in India.

(c) and (d) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, toothpastes are considered as 'Cosmetic', the standards for which have been

prescribed under Schedule 'S' of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 which require the manufactures to conform to the Indian Standard specifications laid down for the purpose by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Expansion of CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi

213. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries registered in Delhi, CGHS dispensary-wise;

(b) the number of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani CGHS dispensaries and units, location-wise, functioning in Delhi with the details of the area covered by these dispensaries and units;

(c) whether Government propose to set up the CGHS units of ISM & H in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total funds allocated to them; and

(f) the plan for expansion of these CGHS dispensaries of ISM & H in the Ninth Plan in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The information is given in the attached statement I (*See* below).

(b) The information is given in the attached statement II (*see* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.